Section I:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended):

A method for ~~preparing~~ preprocessing data ~~for file tailoring in a computing system having native file tailoring functions, said method~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving a set of data ~~preparation~~ preprocessing control parameters prior to performing said file tailoring on source data, said parameters indicating options for preprocessing a plurality of source data sets in preparation for subsequent file tailoring operations;

building a [[set]] plurality of empty tables based upon said preprocessing control parameters, each empty table corresponding to one or more of said source data sets;

processing [[a]] each set of source data to load said empty tables according to said control parameters; and

subsequent to loading each table, invoking [[said]] native file tailoring ~~functions~~ on said loaded tables to ~~obtain~~ produce a desired set of tailored files.

Claim 2 (currently amended):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of processing ~~a set of source data~~ comprises ~~processing a set of tables using~~ executing a REXX ~~executable~~ program.

Claim 3 (currently amended):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of receiving a set of data preparation control parameters comprises receiving a parameter selected from the group of a key field parameter ~~set of keys~~, a skeleton file pointer parameter, a "stats" parameter, a "skip" parameter, a "parsenum" parameter, a "xlat" parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc" parameter, an "empty" parameter, and a "sort" parameter.

Claim 4 (currently amended):

   The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of invoking native file

   tailoring functions comprises the step of invoking an [[ISPF]] Interactive System

   Productivity Facility file tailoring service.

Claim 5 (currently amended):

   A computer readable medium encoded with software for preparing preprocessing data

   for file tailoring in a computing system, said computer system having native file tailoring

   functions, said software causing said computer to perform the steps of:

      receiving a set of data preparation preprocessing control parameters prior to

   performing said file tailoring on source data, said parameters indicating options for

   preprocessing a plurality of source data sets in preparation for subsequent file tailoring

   operations;

      building a [[set]] plurality of empty tables based upon said preprocessing control

   parameters, each empty table corresponding to one or more of said source data sets;

      processing [[a]] each set of source data to load said empty tables according to

   said control parameters; and

      subsequent to loading each table, invoking [[said]] native file tailoring functions

   on said loaded tables to obtain produce a desired set of tailored files.

Claim 6 (currently amended):

   The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

   for processing a set of source data comprises software for processing a set of

   tables using executing a REXX executable program.

Claim 7 (currently amended):

The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

for receiving a set of data preparation control parameters comprises software

for receiving a parameter selected from the group of a a key field parameter set of keys, a

skeleton file pointer parameter, a "stats" parameter, a "skip" parameter, a "parsenum", a

"xlat" parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc" parameter, an "empty" parameter, and a

"sort" parameter.

Claim 8 (currently amended):

The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

for invoking native file tailoring functions comprises software for invoking an

[[ISPF]] Interactive System Productivity Facility file tailoring service.

Claim 9 (currently amended):

A system for preparing preprocessing data for file tailoring by a computer system having

a native file tailoring service, said system comprising:

a data preprocessor configured to receive a set of source data prior to tailoring

of said source data;

a control script controller for invoking said data preprocessor a preparing

function, said control script controller providing a set of data preparation preprocessing

control parameters [[so]] to said data preprocessor preparing function;

a preparing function adapted to receive said control parameters, to build a set of

empty tables initially created in an empty state based upon said control parameters, to

process a set of source data to load said empty tables and subsequently loaded by said

data preprocessor according to said preprocessing control parameters, and to invoke said

prior to invoking a native file tailoring functions on said loaded tables to obtain

a desired set of tailored files.

Claim 10 (currently amended):

The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said ~~preparing function is~~ data preprocessor comprises a REXX executable script.

Claim 11 (currently amended):

The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said ~~control script is~~ controller comprises a Job Control Language (JCL) script.

Claim 12 (currently amended):

The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein both the ~~control script~~ controller and the data preprocessor ~~preparing function~~ are adapted to ~~run within~~ cooperate with an [[ISPF]] Interactive System Productivity Facility environment.

Claim 13 (currently amended):

The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said ~~preparing function~~ data preprocessor is adapted to receiving a preparation control parameter selected from the group of a key field parameter ~~set of keys~~, a skeleton file pointer parameter, a "stats" parameter, a "skip" parameter, a "parsenum" parameter, a "xlat" parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc" parameter, an "empty" parameter, and a "sort" parameter.

Claim 14 (currently amended):

The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said ~~preparing function~~ data preprocessor is adapted to ~~invoking~~ invoke ~~native ISPF~~ Interactive System Productivity Facility file tailoring services.